

Categorical Exclusion Documentation

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
1103 North Fancher Road
Spokane Valley, WA 99212

A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WAOR 65404

NEPA Log Number: OR134-08-CX-037

Proposed Action Title: Ravenwing Ranch LLC Water Pumpstation, Pipeline and Powerline & Access Road Right-of-way

Location of Proposed Action: T.21N., R.22E., Willamette Meridian, Chelan County

Section 8: Portion of Lot 2

Description of Proposed Action: The proposed action is for BLM to renew an expired right-of-way for an existing water pumpstation, water pipeline, 440 volt aerial powerline, and access road. No additional improvements are proposed except for replacement of the pumpstation covering, which currently consists of a dilapidated wood shed. These uses were previously authorized by WAW 0764. This former right-of-way was authorized on April 15, 1953, and expired 50 years later on April 14, 2003. Because of some health issues affecting the holder's representative, and due to the fact that the holder's adjoining property was in the process of being marketed and sold, no request to renew the right-of-way was filed and the authorization lapsed. At BLM's urging, the new owner of the property (Ravenwing Ranch LLC) filed an application to renew the right-of-way.

The pumpstation is currently used to provide irrigation water to an orchard located just west of the BLM land. However, over the long term, it is likely that the applicant will develop their adjacent property for homesites. If the orchard is removed and replaced by homesites, the water would likely be used for landscaping watering and other domestic purposes.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

☒ *Option 1 (conforms with LUP):* The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): The proposed action is subject to the Spokane District Resource Management Plan (1985) and Record of Decision (1987), and the 1992 RMP amendment and Record of Decision (ROD). Issuance of rights-of-way grants is listed under the heading "Administrative Actions" on page 5 (unnumbered) of the 1992 ROD.

OR

☐ (Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (*objectives, terms, and conditions*):

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9E. (9)

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply, as shown in the following table:

CX EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION The proposed categorical exclusion action will:		YES	NO
2.1	Have significant impacts on public health or safety.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.2	Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.3	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.4	Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.5	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.6	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.7	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2.8 Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.9 Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.10 Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.11 Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2.12 Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other than replacement of the pumphouse covering, no changes to the facility have been requested. Replacement of the pumphouse covering would not require excavation.

F: Signature

_____/S/ Karen Kelleher_____
(Authorizing Official Signature)

_____/10/22/08_____
(Date)

Name: Karen Kelleher
Title: WRA Field Manager

G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Bill Schurger

Note: A separate decision document must be prepared for the action covered by the CX.

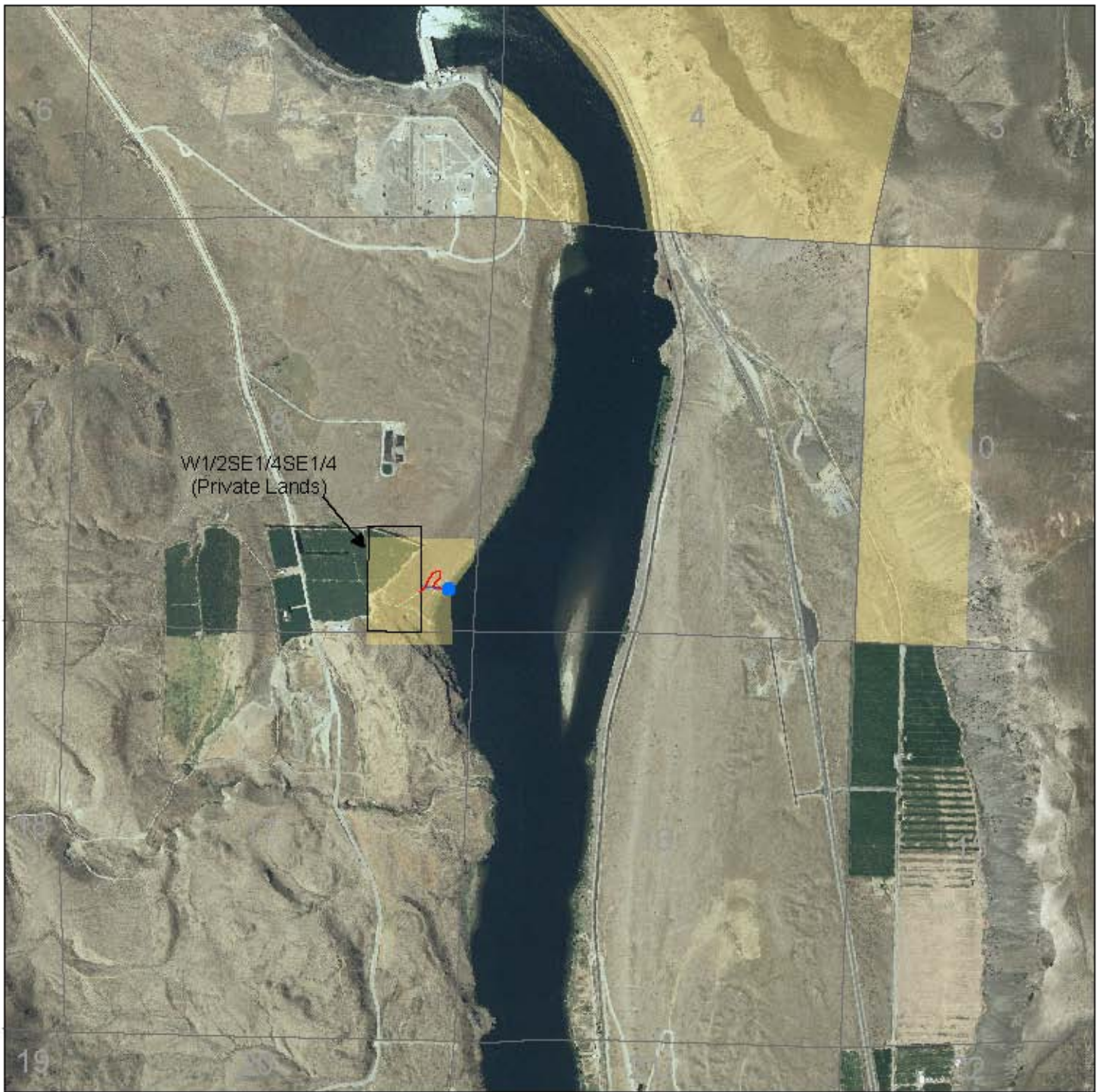


EXHIBIT A - WAOR 65404
Water Pumpstation/Pipeline & Aerial Powerline R/W
Portion of Lot 2, Section 8, T.21N., R.22E., WM

Pipeline/Powerline Route 

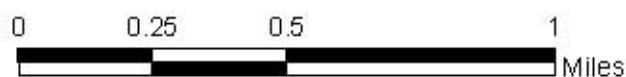
Access Road 

Pump Station 

Land Ownership

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 Private Land



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